

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 23-30, 2016

WHEREAS, Alcohol and drug use represent formidable challenges to all New Hampshire communities; and

WHEREAS, Drug and alcohol problems are preventable and treatable; and

WHEREAS, Persons at risk for alcohol and drug problems, in recovery or in need of treatment, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, Cooperation and coordination among New Hampshire's schools, communities, and families are critical to reducing alcohol and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Partners across New Hampshire are joining together to declare their support for healthy lifestyles free of alcohol and drugs, including local businesses, law enforcement, media, religious groups, service clubs, sports teams, young people, seniors, and many more; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire is dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles free of drug and alcohol abuse and encourages residents to participate in local and statewide activities and programs that promote substance misuse prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Since 2011, Barack Obama, the President of the United States, has declared October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, and the State of New Hampshire further acknowledges and endorses this proclamation; and

WHEREAS, **Red Ribbon Week**, the last full week in October, is a nationally recognized event commemorating the life of Enrique Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was killed in the line of duty in 1985, and communities nationwide have since then honored his life by promoting the red ribbon as a symbol of substance abuse prevention in their own communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 23-30, 2016**, as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in New Hampshire and urge all citizens of the State of New Hampshire to reaffirm our commitment to supporting law enforcement and strengthening prevention, treatment and recovery as we work together combat substance misuse.

Given this 24th day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

